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# THE FRANCO-AMERICAN QUARTETTE

## NEW YORK CITY

HENRI MARCOUX, Director

July 11, 1929.

My dear Charlotte,

Saturday's edition of the Lewiston Journal reached me only today--as luck would have it, all copies of the paper were gone from the Times Square news stands when I asked for mine Monday. I want to thank you right now for the pains you've gone to to make what I sent you presentable, and for the generous space you allotted us--I'm pretty sure that amount of publicity will be enough to further our plans for appearances in Maine this summer. Tell you the truth, you featured my letters a bit more than I had expected, or I would have written you more formally, as I waxed a bit flippant in discussing my confreres, and there's no telling how their 'artistic temperaments' will react to my sketches of them. However, their wrath, if they do become wroth, will be visited upon my noble headpiece and WE should worry--the story's the thing.

Our descent upon the state of Maine is postponed until the last week of July, I think--at least it is for me, as I shall be busy here until the 27th of this month, and maybe later. Harry and Michaud are in Montreal, and friend Longtin has not as yet returned from his sojourn in Detroit. Another bit of news concerning Michaud reached me yesterday via Bro. Eli, director of the choir at St. Jean Baptiste: our hefty second tenor is contemplating marriage and when next we see him will in all likelihood be strapped for life--isn't



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it awful how this hot weather reacts upon some people?

If you ever have need of someone to run down a morsel of news for you here in New York, don't fail to call on me; for any other kind of favor, for that matter, because I'm mighty-much obliged to you for your consideration. And whenever I run across anything interesting on my own hook, I'll let you know of it. Will probably see you in the near future to chin on divers matters--by the way, Joan Lowell of 'Cradle of the Deep' fame has an article in the Saturday Evening Post this week: don't miss it, it's about as pedantic a thing as even a college professor could write. And I've just consigned Julia Peterkin's 'Scarlet Sister Mary' to perdition--and it a Pulitzer prize novel, too! You'd think they'd award those prizes to people who can WRITE the English language, not to those with a vocabulary of 200 words--but the ways of these prize committees are mysterious. I'll develop into an H.L. Mencken, if I keep on criticising people evidently better able than myself, but frankly I've come across few books this year that are really worth while. Not so?

Howsomever, au revoir until I reach the Mater Urbs once again--and please be sure that the St. Dominic band is at the corner of Main and Lisbon streets around 3:30 on the afternoon of July 30 or 31--it's likely Lewiston will be honored by my presence from then on. Many thanks again. For all other information, call the Lewiston Police Department; they'll be watching for me.

Yours for a Better Crime Wave

Lionel.